

REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Robert for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 36, 37, 39, 69-73, 75, 76 and 78 in the present application. Claims 35, 38, 74 and 77 were rejected by the examiner, and claims 40-68 were deemed withdrawn from consideration. With this amendment, Applicants are making formal changes to allowable claims 36, 37, 39, 75, 76 and 78. New claims 79-99 that are dependent from allowable claims 36, 39 and 69 have been added. Claims 35 and 74 have been cancelled without prejudice. Previously withdrawn claims 1-34 and 40-68 have also been cancelled without prejudice. These amendments would result in claims 36-39, 69-73, and 75-99 being before the Examiner, for a total of 34 claims, of which five claims are independent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendments indicated above, and to reconsider this application and pass the pending claims to allowance.

With these amendments, claims 36, 37, 39, 75, 76 and 78 have not been substantively amended. The sole change in them is formal, that is, the language of the claims from which they initially depended has been made explicit in each of those claims. No change in the scope of those claims is intended or should be inferred.

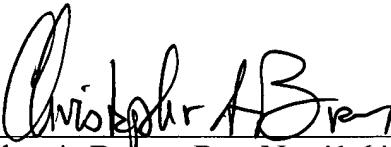
At least claims 39 and 69 read on the elected species as well as other species disclosed in this application and other subject matter. We believe the election requirement previously made will be rendered moot in light of the allowable claims. Applicants are entitled to the full scope of the allowable claims, i.e. the right to exclude concerning any subject matter falling within that scope.

Applicants continue to believe that claims 35 and 74, as well as the previously withdrawn claims 1-34 and 40-68, include allowable subject matter, but to move this application to issue

those claims are being cancelled without prejudice to being resubmitted in this or a continuing application. No admission of unpatentability of those claims, or any other claims presented in this application, is made.

In sum, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and allow the present application. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number below if there are any questions or further issues concerning this application or amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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